

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S):	Perls <i>et al.</i>	DOCKET NO.:	BIT-001 (1538/47)
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TITLE:	GENETIC LOCI INDICATIVE OF PROPENSITY FOR LONGEVITY AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING PROPENSITY FOR AGE- RELATED DISEASES		

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 18, 2002 in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for conducting a telephonic interview on May 28, 2003 with Applicants' attorneys, Thomas C. Meyers and Jeremy P. Occek. Applicants have amended claim 15. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15-22 are in condition for allowance in the patent application identified above, and such action is hereby requested.

A petition for a three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Applicants claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27, therefore the resulting fee for the three-month extension of time is \$465.00.

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